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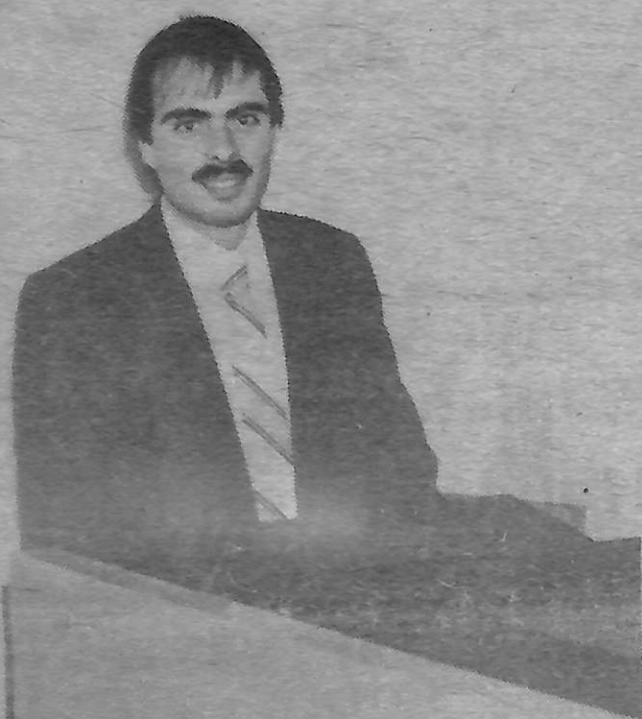
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255 Acres Off South West Street...

Business Park Again Proposed For Feeding Hills

A major business-development proposal for land off South West Street in Feeding Hills was today unveiled by Westfield Attorney Gerald Galego, president of Feeding Hills Associates Inc.

255 Acres Of Land

Galego today filed for a zone change from agricultural-residential to business zone A to establish Feeding Hills Business Park, an estimated \$60 million project on some 255 acres of land off South West Street in Feeding Hills.

The project, call by Galego a "professionally conceived and planned development," is similar to one that was narrowly defeated three years ago on the same parcel.

Development time for the business park, according to Galego, will cover a 5-10 year time span.

Purchase of land, currently owned by Sixty Realty Trust, a division of Textron Corporation, is now under agreement with Feeding Hills Associates, Galego said in an interview on Saturday.

Galego today told the *Advertiser/News* that the Feeding Hills Business Park will complement and "go hand-in-hand" with the proposed industrial park

slated for the Bowles Airport site. (Last week WestMass Area Development Corporation met with town officials to propose an I-Park for the 320 acre Bowles Airport property on Silver Street and Shoemaker Lane.)

Galego said each project would have a significant and positive impact on the town's future.

He said, "In light of Proposition 2 1/2, the job situation in the area, and the fact the Agawam needs to increase its tax base, both the industrial park at Bowles Airport and the proposed business park for Feeding Hills are two perfect projects that will enhance the town's financial future and provide jobs for its residents."

Added Galego, "Feeding Hills Associates is very pleased over the recent developments at Bowles and we hope we will receive the same reception from residents and town officials."

The site plan for the business park includes middle- and small-sized businesses, an enclosed retail complex, hotel/corporate training complex, and medical facilities.

The plan also calls for approximately 300 residential condominiums surrounding a 35-acre fresh water pond. The housing units would be on a hillside overlooking the pond.

Corporate Offices

Site plans for the business park designate special uses, such as corporate offices, small businesses and medical facilities, for each sector of the total tract of land so that each area is compatible to the uses adjoining it, according to Galego.

"I envision a total, self-contained village with all essential services within walking distance," he today told the *Advertiser/News*.

He noted that the property is located 10 minutes from downtown Springfield, 15 minutes from Bradley International Airport, and 25 minutes from downtown Hartford.

The corporate business center is located on a small pond with 25 acres devoted to corporate and regional headquarters space and regional offices. Extensive land is dedicated to small businesses which may utilize sites as small as one acre, with additional space available for expansion.

The enclosed retail complex is situated on 30 acres for both major retailers and specialty shops. Medical facilities include an eight-to-ten unit outpatient/overnight facility as well as medical office condominiums for group and individual practices.

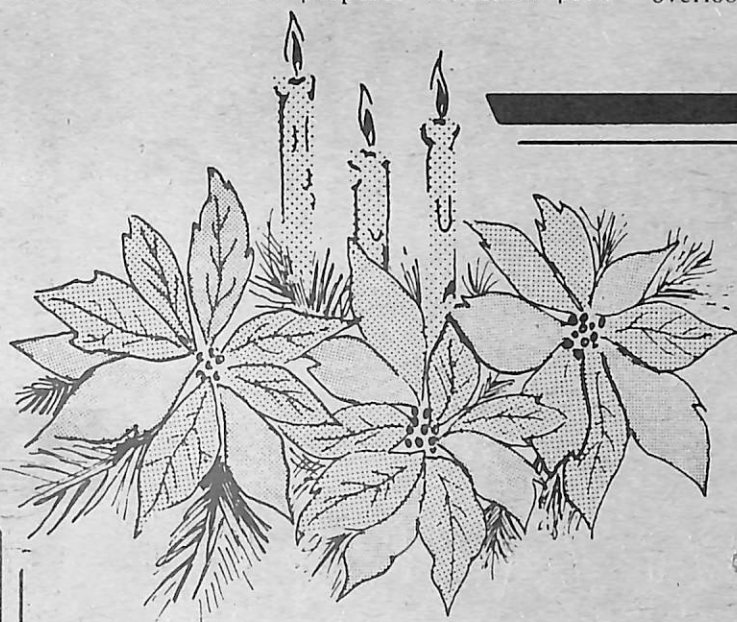
Adjacent to the medical facility, Galego said, will be a 100-bed convalescent home. A 100-unit hotel is designed primarily as a corporate training/conference center.

Passive recreation such as outdoor bike and jogging paths are shown on the site plan, he noted.

Appears Before Town Agencies

The business park proposal, as it did three years ago, will appear before the Conservation Commission and Planning Board for recommendations to Town Council, which has final decision on the project.

A series of public hearings by each planning agency and Town Council are mandatory during the process.



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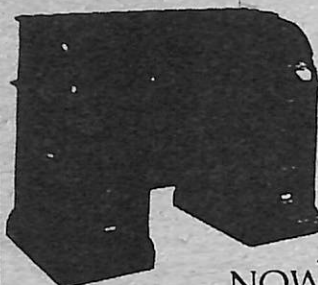
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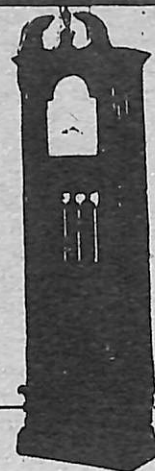
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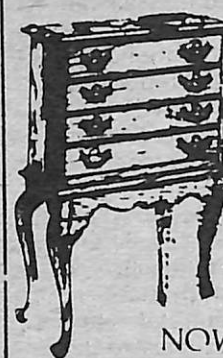


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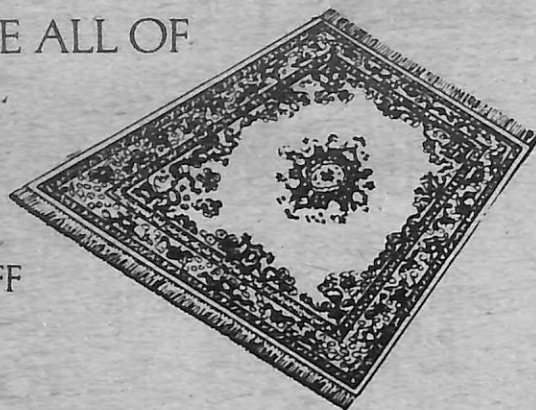
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School Board Approves Changes

By Joanne Brown

At last Tuesday's meeting, the School Committee unanimously approved a curriculum for remedial reading at Agawam High School.

Presented by reading specialist Mrs. Sandra Hoffman, the adopted curriculum is based on an individualized approach to improving reading ability according to each individual's needs.

Mrs. Hoffman explained that much formal and informal testing preceded the development of a program designed specifically for each student. She said that she, along with a recently-appointed aide, now services ten students per class in six classes.

Referrals for remedial help come from the Junior High School specialist, from other teachers, from parents, or occasionally from students themselves. She emphasized that the program is to develop skill in reading, not to teach content; therefore, she works closely with other subject teachers.

New Computer Course Adopted

Another course adopted for Agawam High School is one in the computer language known as BASIC (Beginners All Purpose Symbolic Instruction Code). This course will replace temporarily the Fortran II course which has become difficult to teach as it requires the large, main-frame computer and thereby severely limits the number of students who may work.

BASIC is suited for use on the school's micro-computers and, therefore, can be taught to a greater number of students. This language is especially used for business, science and math applications, for graphics, for composition of music, for word-processing, for computer-assisted learning, and for data management.

Report Card Adjustment Approved

The question of weighting of grades caused some concern to board members who had heard from parents confused after first term report cards came out.

Guidance Department Chairman Paul Cavallo explained that the "raw grade" - that is, the grade actually received in a course - is what appears on a student's report card, not the grade after weighting according to recently-established standards for difficulty.

The board eventually recommended that an asterisk be placed next to weighted courses with a statement put at the bottom of the report indicating that such a course would be weighted for difficulty.

Budget Overview To Be Presented On January 12th

At the committee's December 8th meeting, Business Manager James Coon told board members he would bring in an uncut initial presentation of next year's budget on January 12th. This initial presentation will contain all requests from principals and directors without any administrative cuts.

Coon indicated that projections are difficult at this time as the town's tax rate has still not been established. He did state that some staff reductions - perhaps as many as 6½ teachers - would be forthcoming due to declining enrollment at the elementary level.

Current population projections still call for the closing of Peirce School in June, 1983, with approximately 100 students left in the school at that time. Coon reported the Enrollment Study Plan undertaken a few years ago is still "pretty much on target."

Outgoing board member Venetta Snyder recommended that a new study committee be set up next year with particular focus on the Middle School and Junior High.

Courthouse License Upheld By ABC

The Courthouse Racquetball and Health Fitness Club on North Westfield Street in Feeding Hills Center learned this past Tuesday that the State Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (ABC) has upheld the Liquor Commission's decision to transfer a club license to the new racquetball facility.

Received A Call

Liquor Commission Chairman Joseph Dahdah confirmed that he received a telephone call from an ABC official informing him of the decision.

Recently the ABC held a hearing on the license transfer on the request of developers Mary C. and Carlo F. Bonavita who had proposed an Italian-American Restaurant for the former Karmel Corners at 163 Silver Street.

The Bonavita family had contended that their appeal to the state ABC was based on their desire to renovate Karmel Corners for a quality restaurant that would not be possible without a fully operational liquor license.

The transfer, awarded by commissioners Dahdah, John Chriscola and Richard DiLullo in November, was based on the fact that club owners Ralph DePalma, William Lemieux and Joseph Pacella had invested more than \$1 million in their facility.

"The Courthouse people had a building that was up and already serving the people of this community," Dahdah today said. "We felt our unanimous decision was just a routine thing and it was in the best interests of the community. It was just a simple transfer of an inactive license."

That club license became available after the old Columbus Club in North Agawam shut down and no longer served alcoholic beverages.

A pleased DePalma told the Advertiser/News that many of the Courthouse's 2,000 members were anxious for the license to be activated so that the "Judges Chambers", a lounge able to facilitate more than 80 people, can be operating.

Great Time To Get It

"We were very anxious for the license to be in our hands. It's the holiday season and we feel it's a great time to get our 'Judges Chambers' in full operation. We would have been really disappointed, as would have many of our members if the license had been held-up until after the first of the year," DePalma said.

According to DePalma, an operational bar-lounge in the Courthouse facility will add another dimension to the overall quality that the club provides to its members and their guests.

"We are very thrilled about the Courthouse and the contributions it can make to the recreational life of Agawam," he noted. "The license was important to us and we're just glad it's here in time for the holiday season."

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Agawam is well-represented by our many churches as shown in their holiday schedule presented as follows:

Agawam Congregational Church: 745 Main St., is holding a candlelight Christmas Eve service at 11 p.m. with Rev. Floyd C. Bryan.

Feeding Hills Congregational Church: 21 North Westfield St., will hold a candlelight service with Rev. Wilbur B. Sadleir at 11 p.m. which will include a special musical presentation of Christmas carols and the retelling of the Christmas Story.

St. David's Episcopal Church: 522 Springfield St., will hold a family service on Christmas Eve at 5 p.m. with carol singing and the blessing of the creche. At 11 p.m., there will be a Service of the Midnight Eucharist conducted by Rev. Leonard Cowan.

Agawam Baptist Church: 760 Main St., will hold a candlelight Christmas Eve service at 7:30 p.m. with Christmas carols. Rev. Donald Morris will preside.

Valley Community Church: 152 South Westfield St., will have Rev. Charles Hume conducting the services on Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. with another special service of scripture and choir scheduled for 11:30 p.m.

Feeding Hills Bible Church: 18 South Westfield St., will have a Christmas Eve service at 8 p.m. with Rev. Calvin Witham. Special Christmas music is planned.

St. Anthony of Padua: 108 Bridge St., will hold masses by Rev. Joseph H. Fellin and Rev. Anthony Piazzi on Christmas Eve at 5 p.m. and the traditional midnight mass. Christmas morning masses will be said at 9 a.m. with the children's choir and at 11 a.m.

St. John the Evangelist: 843 Main St., will hold masses on Christmas Eve at 4, 6:15, and 11 p.m., and on Christmas morning at 8, 9:15, 10:30 (adult Christmas choir) and at 11:45. Rev. Karl Huller and Rev. Phillip Gallerani.

St. Theresa of Infant Jesus: 74 Bridge St., will present its annual Christmas Pageant at the 5 p.m. mass on Christmas Eve and then offer a traditional midnight mass. On Christmas Day, mass will be said by Rev. Robert Choquette at 10 a.m.

Sacred Heart Church: 1103 Springfield St., will hold masses Christmas Eve at 4, 5:30, and at midnight with an adult choir. The 9 a.m. Christmas Day mass will feature a children's choir and Rev. Joseph Flood and Rev. Richard Ahern will also offer an 11 a.m. mass that day.



Town Cookbook

By
Mary Ann Govoni

The sweet fragrance of fresh, home-baked breads and cookies goes hand in hand with Christmas. As the holiday approaches, I am sure everyone will be making their favorite recipes. Today I would like to pass along these recipes that I will be serving to my family on Christmas Day.

RASPBERRY WINE GLAZED HAM

1 8-10 pound boneless fully cooked ham
1/4 cup dry white wine
2 tbsp lemon juice
2 tsp cornstarch
1/3 cup seedless red raspberry jam
1 tbsp butter or marg.

Score ham in diamond pattern, if desired. Place ham on a rack in a shallow roasting pan. Insert meat thermometer. Bake in a 325° oven till meat thermometer registers 140° (about 2 hours).

Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, blend wine and lemon juice into cornstarch. Add about half of jam. Cook and stir till thick and bubbly. Stir in remaining jam and butter. Heat and stir till butter is melted. Brush ham with the raspberry glaze. Bake ham ten minutes more. Spoon any remaining glaze over ham. Makes 20-24 servings. NOTE: 2-5 pound canned ham may be used in place of boneless cooked ham.

ITALIAN COOKIES

6 egg yolks
6 tbsp water
6 tbsp sugar
6 tbsp oil
4 tsp baking powder
2 cups flour
1/2 tsp salt
2 tsp anisette flavor

Beat egg yolks with water till light and fluffy. Add sugar 1 tablespoon at a time. Add oil, baking powder, flour, and salt. Add anisette flavor and mix well. Drop by teaspoon onto greased cookie sheet. Bake at 425° eight to ten minutes. Cool and frost with glaze frosting. Sprinkle with colored candies.

CREAM CHEESE ROLL UPS

1 large loaf of white bread
1 large grated pepper chopped fine
Worcestershire sauce to taste
dash of cayenne
1 lb. bacon; 1 med. onion chopped fine & 2 8 ounce cream cheese

Remove crust on bread. Roll each slice with a rolling pin. With electric mixer beat cheese, green pepper, onion, Worcestershire sauce and cayenne. Spread some on each slice of bread. Roll up and wrap with a slice of raw bacon. Place on wire rack placed on 9" X 13" cookie sheet and freeze 1/2 hour. Take out of freezer and cut into 1" pieces. Either freeze at this point or bake. On cookie sheet with wire rack, bake at 400 degrees for 30 minutes or until browned. Makes 60.

RICOTTA CHEESE PIE

2 cups ricotta cheese
1/2 cup sifted flour
3 eggs
1/2 cup sugar
2 cups light cream
3/4 cup chopped walnuts
1 tbsp vanilla
1/3 cup graham cracker crumbs

Stir ricotta cheese by hand or with mixer until granular. Mix eggs, sugar and cream with flour; combine with ricotta cheese. Add walnuts and vanilla; mix well. Grease a 10-inch fluted pie plate or 8-inch square baking pan with butter or margarine. Add graham cracker crumbs to make a crust. Pour in mixture; bake in a moderate oven 350° sixty minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a healthy happy New Year. Send your recipe requests or contributions to me at 982 Springfield St.

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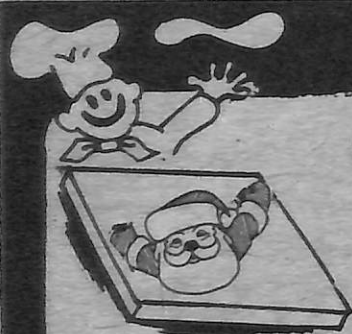
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CWO Maruca was cited for demonstrating outstanding initiative dynamic enthusiasm and keen foresight in the performance of his duties.

The Yankee Division traces its origins to the Plymouth and Massachusetts Bay colonies' citizen soldiers. During World Wars I and II, the Yankee Division was called to combat and returned both times with a distinguished record of accomplishment.

The 26th (Yankee) Infantry Division is commanded by Major General James A. Daley.

Art Exhibit Scheduled At Suffield's Kent Library

Escape to the world where graphic art is combined with wildlife creating a truly unique art form. Herb Holmes' exhibit "Escape To The Wild" has been extended at the Kent Memorial Library in Suffield until January 1, 1982.

This exhibit is the artist's first showing since he left the U.S. Fish and Wildlife organization, where he held the position of illustrator.



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM LIONS CLUB PRESENT a check to Springfield Science Museum officials (left) Gloria Keeney and Glen Ives. Handing over the check is James Taupier, president, Michael Roy, publicity chairman and Ray Olson, third vice-president. The donation was put towards new exhibits at the Science Museum. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Lions Support Museum's Hall

The Springfield Science Museum is pleased to announce the addition of exciting, hands-on exhibits for blind children and adults to the new R.E. Phelon African Hall. Thanks to the generosity of the Agawam Lions Club, the exhibits will be installed on the railing along the ramps in the hall during the next few months.

The Lions Club presented the check for the project to the Science Museum director, Glen Ives, at a dinner held recently where club members were treated to the musical talents of Tony Vacca on the African balafon and given a personalized tour of African Hall.

The new exhibits include touchable items such as animal skins, footprints, teeth and tusks. Education labels will be in Braille as well as in print.

"Along with enabling an important segment of the

population to experience all that African Hall has to offer," says Gloria Keeney, Curator of Education at the museum, "it will be fun for all museum visitors. The Lions Club donation is very much appreciated."

Having opened in June, 1981, R.E. Phelon African Hall is the most ambitious project at the museum in nearly fifty years. The product of four years of planning and eighteen months of construction, the half million dollar hall is the only major museum exhibit on Africa in New England.

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Friends and Neighbors

By Rita White

Post 26 of the Jewish War Veterans, under the command of Harry Gitberg, will be bringing some welcomed good cheer to the veterans at the Veteran Administration Medical Center at Leeds, Mass., this holiday season when they take entertainment and refreshments to them.

The entertainment will be provided by the Monarch Life Insurance Company Choralers under the direction of Frank Keenan. Refreshments will be provided by FRANK GODEK, director of food services for the Agawam public schools.

Frank is providing two large cakes, one done in red and one in green, with a Merry Christmas message on them for the veterans. Cheers to Post 26 for a thoughtful gesture.

Some residents of Park Edge Drive were recently treated to a neighborhood Christmas party with an unusual twist at the home of NOREEN & CARL POOLE. Each guest couple was asked to bring an hors d'oeuvres favorite to share with the others, and this led to much fun as everyone sampled from the many types of goodies. The occasion also served as a farewell get-together for DIANE & BUDDY SCAGGS, who were leaving the next day with their children to spend the vacation with family in Florida. Anyone who has heard the Scaggs' southern accent knows he can expect it to be thicker than ever when they return!

The Pheasant Hill Social Club has certainly been busy this holiday season. On December 11th, they held their Christmas party which started off with a happy hour followed by a buffet dinner. And, of course, what is a Christmas party without Santa showing up to pass out greetings and gifts? The evening was capped off with plenty of time for visiting and dancing. Chairmen for this event were RAY GOSSELIN, MERLE BIGELOW, ROLLIN LEBEAU, JOHN MONTAGNA, FRANK PARADISO, AND MERLE TISDELL.

As if that wasn't enough celebrating for the season, on Friday, December 18th, many of the members of the social club met at the club room and then proceeded to do Christmas caroling. For those lucky children who ventured out to listen to the singers, the group had candy canes to pass out. After much singing and a lot of cold, the group went back to the clubroom for a buffet lunch.

The Agawam High School Chorale, under the direction of STEPHEN FILES, spent last Thursday entertaining at Phelps, Clark, Peirce, Robinson, and Middle Schools. Selections included "He Watching Over Israel" by Mendelson; a Flemish carol entitled "Hope For The Future," "Jazz Gloria," and "I Hear A Voice In Prayer."

Accompanying the singers were student teacher JAMES ANDREWS on bass, MIKE ANINO on bongos, MARK PETRUCCI on drums, and TOM BENNETT on piano.

PWP Schedules After Christmas Dance

Parents Without Partners, Chapter 990 will hold a record hop on Saturday, December 26th, at the Polish American Club on Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Members of other PWP chapters are welcome to attend.

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Nocturnal Adoration Soc. Slates Monthly Vigil

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam-West Springfield will meet in Immaculate Conception Church, West Springfield, to conduct and pray the office of the Blessed Sacrament from Friday, January 1st, from 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. on Saturday, January 2nd.

Alternating groups of members will spend a hour of adoration throughout the night after Fr. Timothy J. Hallahan opens the event with benediction at 9 p.m. He will be assisted by Charles J. Tighe, chairman of the society's membership from that parish, and Louis J. Gallerani, president of the overall society.

The general public invited to participate.

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REPRESENTING THE JAYCEES, Bob Ferris, right, presents a check for \$6,500 to put the firefighters ambulance fund drive over its goal of \$50,000. Accepting the check is Fund Chairman Richard Weld, front left, and, left to right, firefighters Chuck Cartello, Randy Cushing, and Don Wells. Photo by Jack Devine.

Ambulance Fund Goal Reached!!!

The Agawam Permanent Firemen's Association today announced that it has surpassed its goal of \$50,000 for a new town ambulance.

The association would like to extend its thank to all those individuals, clubs and businesses who donated and helped make the drive such a marked success.

Special thanks go to the Polish American Club, the Women's Auxiliary of the Polish American Club, the Agawam Jaycees, the Springfield Turnverein, and the Agawam Lions Club, which donated \$3,000.

The association also extends its gratitude to area news media, especially *The Agawam Advertiser/News*, and WWLP TV-22. The ambulance fund will remain active for those who wish to donate and the contributions will be used to purchase ambulance equipment.

The ambulance has been ordered from Yankee Coach Inc., of Palmer, MA and the unit was purchased through Parks Superior Ambulance Sales of Som-

ers, Conn. The ambulance is a 1982 Ford chassis with a 1982 Lexington module.

Since the unit will be assembled in Palmer, the members of the committee will be making periodic inspections as the ambulance is built. The ambulance is expected to be delivered on February 23, 1982.

Once the ambulance is delivered, there will be an opportunity for the public to view and inspect the unit at an open house.

The following businesses and organizations recently contributed to the ambulance fund: Nick's Restaurant, White's Cabins, Letalien Jewelers, Cub Scout Pack 78, Community Grange 382, Suburban Real Estate, Agawam Appliance Service, R & R Excavating, Wilson-Thompson Post 185 American Legion, Bill's Auto Repair, Ryan's Drug Store, Country Mouse House, Agawam Golden Agers Club, Vincent Perrone M.D., Ladies Auxiliary VFW 1632 of Agawam, Disabled American Veterans Chapter 55.



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By Atty. Frank R. Saia

Changes in your personal family and business life may not make the front pages, but they are certainly important and significant to you. Time has a way of making new things old; sweet turn sour; and updated outdated. Time and change can unite to spoil what was once a perfect and satisfactory will, trust, estate, and financial plan. If time, change and events have outdated or made your will, trust or financial plan obsolete, it's time you've kept up with the changing times.

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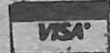
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For Senior Citizens... New Beginnings

By Rita White

Well, it's finally upon us. You all have seen many Christmases already in your lives, but I hope this one will be wonderful for all of you. I know I hear many talking and complaining during the holiday season, and they seem to enjoy Christmas less and less each year. I think maybe that's because they have let the child within themselves grow up. I don't think I'll ever do that, and I hope you don't either. It is children who seem to be able to find the joy in all those things that we come to take for granted. Keep part of that child within and enjoy life.

Seniors, please remember if the weather becomes so bad that schools close in Agawam, then the center will also be closed. There will be no doctors' clinics or lunches or activities.

Two very special birthday greetings to people who both almost made it on Christmas Day. Happy Birthday to Nellie Roberts on December 24th and to Mary McCann on December 26th. You'll both be celebrating double events. Hope you have a lovely birthday.

Lunches for the week of December 28th are Monday, lasagna; Tuesday, Italian sausage; Wednesday, pork cutlets; and Thursday, corn chowder. Friday, of course, the center will be closed for Christmas.

Don't forget to see Eva if you are interested in attending the New Year's Eve party at the Senior Center. It will be a Bingo party with doors opening at 6 p.m. and a supper hour at 6:30 to be followed by Bingo. Tickets are \$3 and sold in advance only, so don't miss out.

The Golden Agers have really had a full month of fun and activities. On December 10th, a busload of them went to North Attleboro to the shrine there for Christmas caroling and then stopped for dinner at the



THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER was the scene of a fine Christmas dinner on December 16th and will repeat the meal on the 23rd. Enjoying the meal are senior citizens, left to right, Madilyn Harper, Evelyn Casavant, and Marjorie Boyden. Advertiser/News Photo by Jack Devine.

Chicken Farm. On December 15th & 16th, they went to Trinklous Manor in Orinshine, New York, to see a beautiful display of Christmas lights. This trip was planned by Emmaline Como, and the Golden Agers are very thankful to her for all the work that goes into these trips.

Heritage Hall has several things going on this Christmas week, and if you get a minute, why not stop in and share a Christmas greeting with a resident. In South Building on the 23rd, there is a Christmas party planned at 6:15 for residents. In West Building on the 22nd, a caroling group will be

featured at 6:30 and a special Episcopal mass on the 27th will take place at 2:30. In North Building, the 23rd will bring a Christmas social beginning at 1:45.

On the 16th and again on the 23rd, the Senior Center was the scene of a lovely Christmas dinner held at noon. Turkey with all the trimmings was prepared, and entertainment and dancing followed.

I'd like to take this time to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for a wonderful New Year.

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EDITORIAL

Taking A Hard Look At I-Park At Bowles Airport Property

At presstime, Town Council was scheduled to discuss and possibly take action on the proposed industrial park for the Bowles Airport property.

WestMass Development Corporation, the regional group which is seeking to buy the 320-acre Bowles property from the Springfield Republican Co., has asked the town, as its commitment to the park, to invest \$600,000.

The town currently receives taxes of \$52,000 per year on the parcel. Under the agreement with WestMass, the town will abate all taxes on undeveloped land at the site.

The business community of Agawam, as a partner to the agreement, must raise \$250,000 to contribute to the I-Park.

In short, the municipality and private sector here will be investing serious dollars into the Bowles I-Park.

We have carefully reviewed the situation, discussed WestMass' credentials with other communities it has been involved with, and have found their reputation and membership, which includes men of prominence in this area, to be solid.

We do not endorse this proposal for Bowles Airport lightly. The town's money, some of which may come out of

the free cash fund, could be put into other areas of the community.

In a time of Proposition 2 1/2, municipal spending must be curbed and dollars expended wisely.

We have been and continue to be supporters of sound development in Agawam. Expanding our tax base and creating future jobs is most important for a growing town such as ours.

We have listened to many arguments, both pro and con, to the good and bad that development brings to a community.

In our estimation, Agawam needs to stabilize its tax base and create jobs.

We are cautiously optimistic about the I-Park at Bowles and feel the investment is a worthwhile, long-term one for Agawam.

From where we sit, once the municipality and private sector here make the commitment, it behooves town officials and elected councilors to work and cooperate with WestMass in creating a better business atmosphere within our boundaries.

Anything less will constitute a terrible waste of taxpayers dollars on a project that has the potential to brighten the town's economic future.

Emergency Personnel Thanked

To The Editor:

I wish to express my appreciation to the Agawam Police and Fire Departments for their immediate response and emergency care on the morning of November 30th for my husband. Their special care and consideration at our home and during transportation to the hospital in the ambulance is deeply appreciated.

My special thanks and gratitude to police officers Dave Poggi, Walt Zymroz, and Don Lonco and to firefighters/EMT's Jim Brown and Nick Demko. Their professionalism was well shown in a time of need.

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, on THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1982, at 7:30 P.M. o'clock, to all parties, interested in the appeal of ERNEST F. LOMBARDI

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who is seeking relief from Section 20, Paragraph 7 of the Zoning Ordinances to allow expansion of a non-conforming structure to accommodate a restaurant operation at the premises known as 395 RIVER ROAD.

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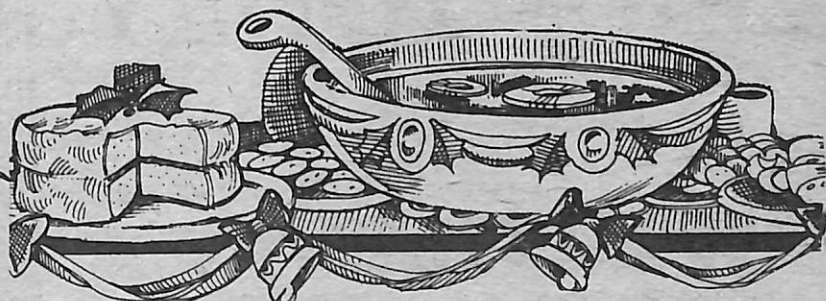
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Community Scrapbook

By Claudia Scott



Charlotte Venturini Always On The Go

Charlotte Venturini of Adams Street is the type of person that every organization loves to have as a member. When there is a need for something to be done, she does it. She also tends to get elected as an officer of whatever group she is donating her time to, a true indication of a responsible, organized person.

Charlotte, who has lived in Agawam for almost thirty years, has served as president of the Agawam Junior Women's Club, the Little League Parents' Organization, the Agawam High Soccer Booster Club, as well as recently as secretary of the AHS Baseball Booster Club.

Much of Charlotte's volunteer activities center around sports because it is a "way of life" for her and her family. Her husband Everett, a science teacher at Ludlow Junior High, was on the All Western Mass. basketball and baseball teams when in high school. Her son Anthony, 17, a senior at AHS, plays baseball and soccer, and her daughter Dana, 15, is on the soccer and basketball teams.

Charlotte was born in New Brunswick, Canada, and grew up playing ice hockey as there is no real distinction there between the girls and boys playing on teams. When she moved to the United States and enrolled at AHS, she was not able to play on a team because there were no girls' teams. She was allowed to attend the boys' practices and grins now when she says that she was finally given a letter for the sport after four years, even though she was better than most of the boys all along.

While at AHS, Charlotte also played on winning field hockey, basketball, and softball teams. Her love of sports resurfaced when her son was five and joined Little League. At that time, there were only a few members and a \$1,200 deficit. Because Charlotte believed in the organization, she campaigned to recruit parents and volunteers and organized fundraising.

"We played our hearts out for a few years," Charlotte laughs as she refers to games of parents vs. kids and kids vs. coaches. Everett also coached for a few years. Now, the group, which is totally self-supporting, can provide an annual banquet and new uniforms every three years.

Charlotte stayed with the group through Anthony's career which ended when he began high school baseball. She then became a member of the AHS Booster Club, helping the boys to earn their own funds. She is quite proud that each senior player going on to college received a \$375 scholarship from these fundraising efforts.

While Charlotte was president of the Soccer Booster Club, the goal of \$5,000 to cover monies cut from the budget was exceeded as a result of many dinner-dances, car washes, bake sales, and an alumni game.

Charlotte truly believes that sports are the best thing for children. "There's just so much TV a kid can watch," she quips, adding that sports build character and that the kids tease her when she consoles them saying losing also builds character. "Of course, I love to win, but you can't project that all of the time. Sometimes you lose."

Although Charlotte works almost fulltime for G. Fox in the error-control division, she has found hours to devote to the Junior Women's Club, a group that she considers "one of the best organizations for a young woman to join to meet her neighbors and help her community."

She has been a Junior for almost ten years, and during that time, served as a district representative on the state level, local president, as well as chairman of many departments. She has received awards for her outstanding club work in international affairs (concentrating on children) and conservation activities.

She assisted the club's beneficial Clearinghouse project and also sponsored and initiated the Wilbraham Junior Women's Club, which took almost two years to get chartered.

When Anthony began CCD classes at St. John's Church and teachers were needed, she also was there. She taught for ten years. She shrugs off this donation of time and effort with "I had to be there anyway."

It is this casual acceptance of responsibility that makes Charlotte such a good leader. When asked if she had any New Year's resolutions, she said that she doesn't really make any, rather takes life day to day. She added that she would like to wish everyone in town a Happy New Year.

Same to you, Charlotte!



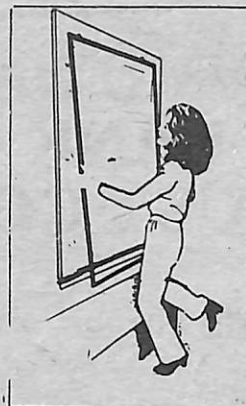
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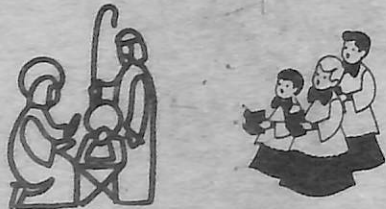
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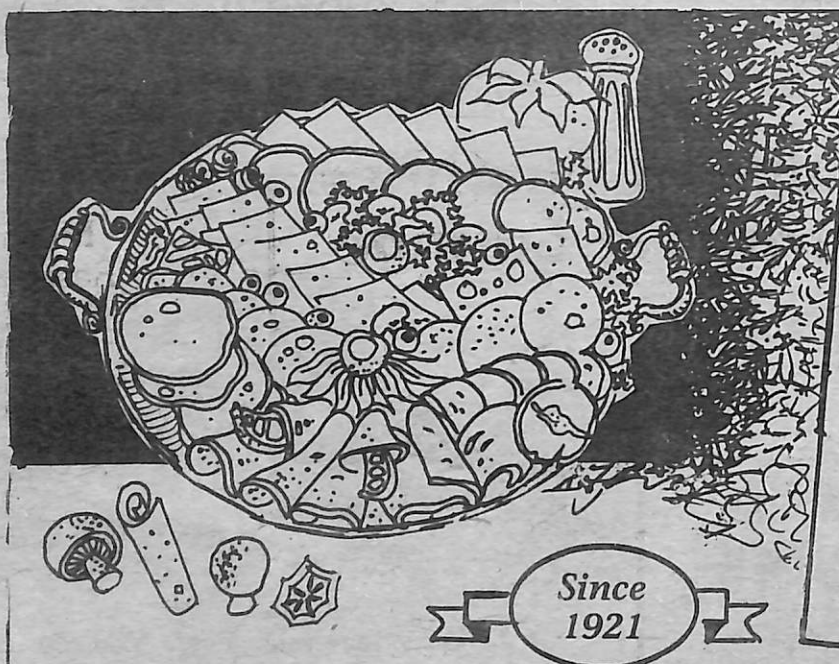


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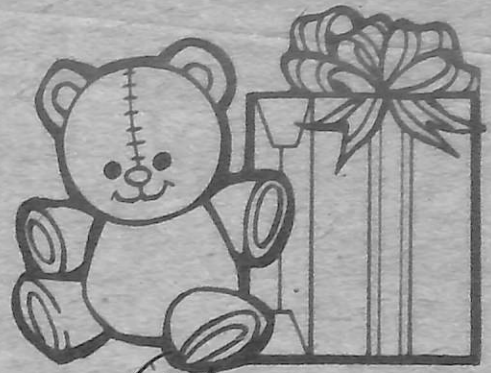
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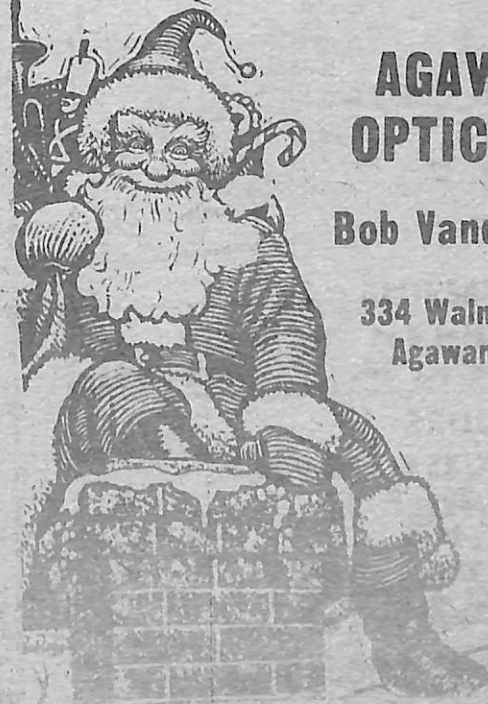
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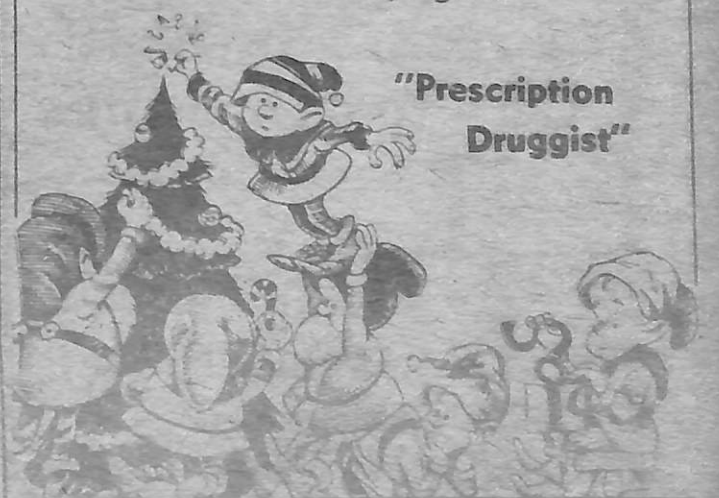
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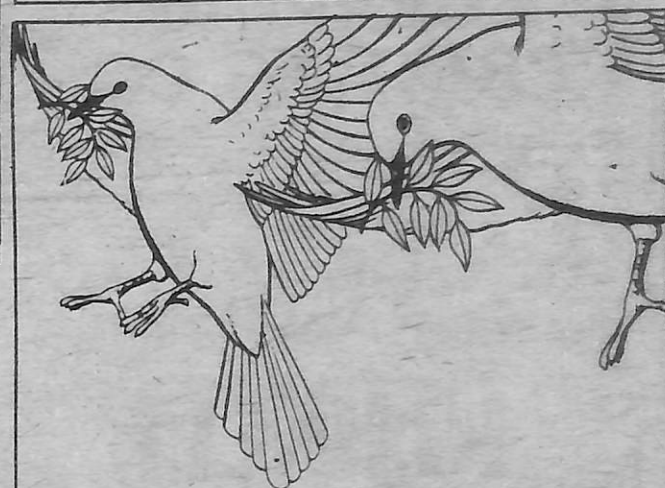
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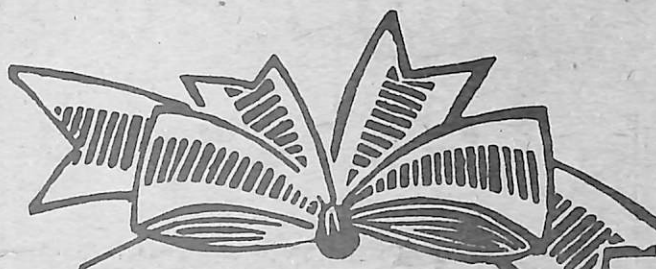
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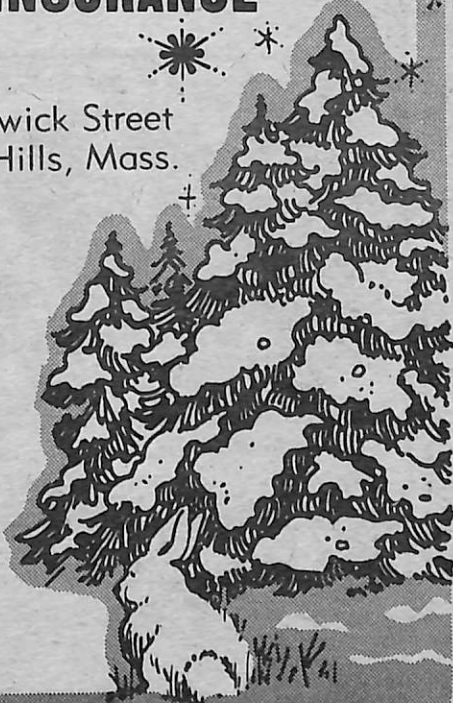
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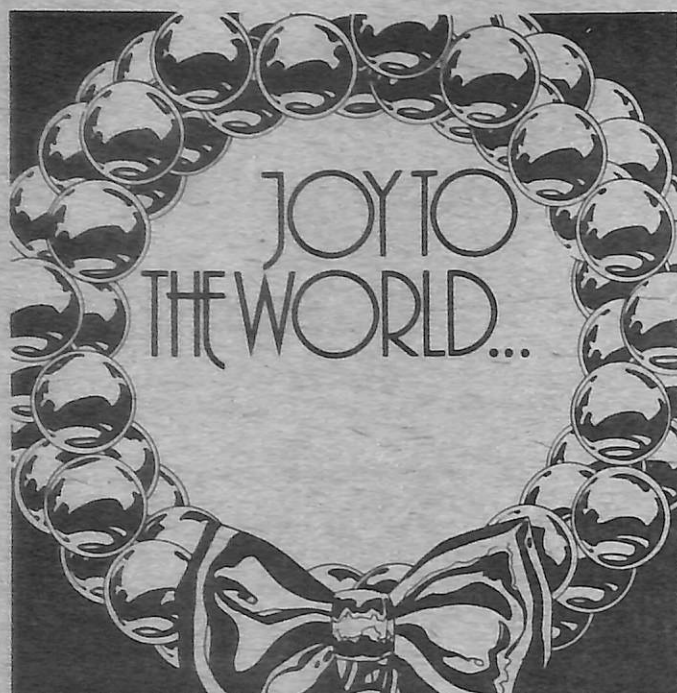
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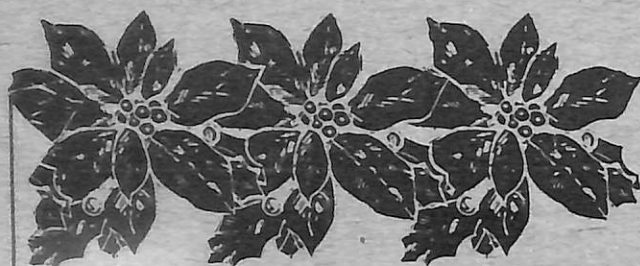
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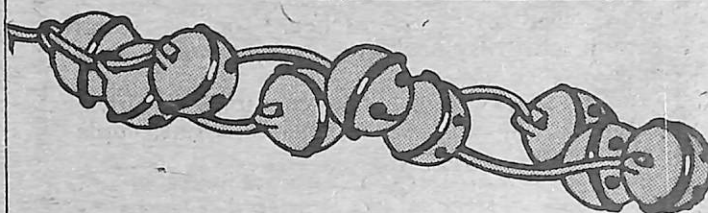
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JAMES CLARK SCHOOL STUDENTS CHRISTOPHER SHUMAN (left) and ALLYSON MANNING are using the Wide Horizons "Light" Kit to help with their investigations into what light does and how we use it. Students at Peirce and Granger Schools will be using the "Light" kit this winter as part of their studies. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Wide Horizons Light Kit Helps Kids Explore

"We like seeing for ourselves, instead of the teacher doing it for us," Clark School fourth graders Timothy St. John and Pamela Wilcox' comment captures the reason why Agawam students so enjoy using the Wide Horizons "Light" kit - the kit's activities give students the opportunity to explore light for themselves.

The "Light" kit, which is now being used by fourth-graders at both Clark and Peirce Schools, is designed to help students investigate the properties and uses of light through experiments, rather than through the more conventional textbook method.

Through these experiments, students learn for themselves what light does and how we use light. For example, Clark teacher Janice Phillips had her students try to read a note in a dark closet; the students could read the note only by using the light shining through the edges of the door frame. The note's message: "You cannot read without any light."

The students also enjoy working with objects from the kit's materials which demonstrate the functions of light. Clark student Alyson Manning was surprised that light shining on a mirror covered with chalk dust did not bounce off; instead, the light rays "diffused" or scattered.

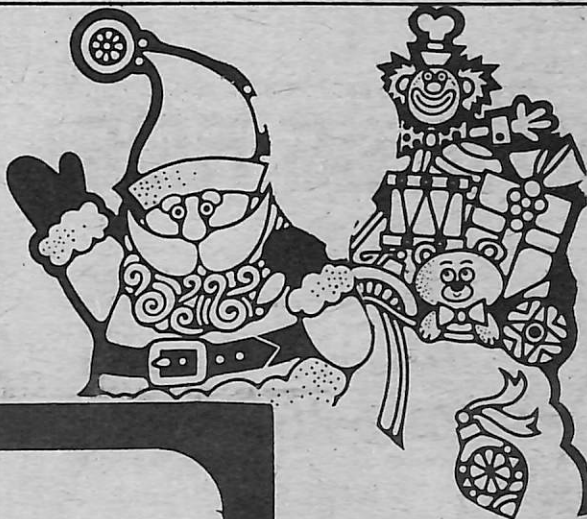
Steven Adams and Sherri Bowers, students in Mrs. Phillips' class, like watching the solar cube spin in the sunlight, evidence that light is also a form of energy.

In addition to the experiments in the classroom, the students also explore light at the Science Museum through programs on lasers and blackboard optics. Peirce teacher Josephine Whitehead commented that her students were amazed by the lasers show and were fascinated by the ways lasers are used in industry, medicine, and rock concerts.

The "Light" kit will also be used by fourth-graders at Phelps and Granger Schools during the winter. These students will have the opportunity to explore light for themselves, as Alyson Manning has. Her comment: "Last year, we just read over the experiments, but now I'm doing them, and I understand them a lot more."

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CHILDREN FROM THE COMMUNITY ALWAYS AT PLEASED WITH THE STORYBOOK HOUR at the Agawam Public Library and the December programs, which featured much Christmas cheer, didn't disappointment the youngsters one bit. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Public Library Story Book Hour Delights Youngsters During Holidays

Visitors who come to the Agawam Public Library expecting quiet solitude are often surprised to see both the lobby and the library filled with children of all ages.

Story times for pre-schoolers, after-school story hours, and Saturday full-length feature film shows are some of the activities offered to local youngsters as part of the library's children's services.

During December, more than 200 children, ranging in ages from 2 to 12, participated in story hours, tree ornament crafts workshops, and a special Christmas celebration highlighted by a surprise visit from Santa

Claus himself.

All activities are aimed at increasing the children's pleasure in reading and at providing them with a variety of choices suited to their individual interests. Upcoming events will include two film programs during school vacation and the bi-monthly after-school story hours which resume on January 7th.

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Library To Offer Vacation Films

The Agawam Public Library will offer two film programs during school vacation for Agawam elementary aged children.

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On Thursday, December 31st, from 2 to 3 p.m., the feature film will be "The Runaway Railway," the story of a group of children who run away on their favorite engine when the neighborhood railroad station is closed.

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MEMBERS OF THE PHELPS SCHOOL PTO who have been making crafts for the youngsters to buy at a "Christmas Store" slated for Monday, December 21 are, from left: Mickey Griffin, Linda Dean and Judi Lysik, chairperson. The Christmas store will be held at the school and climaxes many months of preparation by the PTO. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

After this, St. Francis went on to create marionettes to be used year after year to show the story of the birth of Christ. The Nativity Scene was so successful that the custom grew widespread. People began to create figures of wax, terra cotta, papier-mache and wood - as simply or elaborately as money allowed.

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SPORTS

Wrestlers Stun Putnam

By Chris Hout

On Saturday Putnam High School came to Agawam fresh from a 72-0 rout over Amherst. They are the defending Division I wrestling champion and hadn't lost a dual meet in two years.

Again, the Beavers were tabbed this year as "untouchable" - yet Agawam had something to say about that with a stunning 32-27 upset victory over the what was considered the best wrestling side in this part of the state.

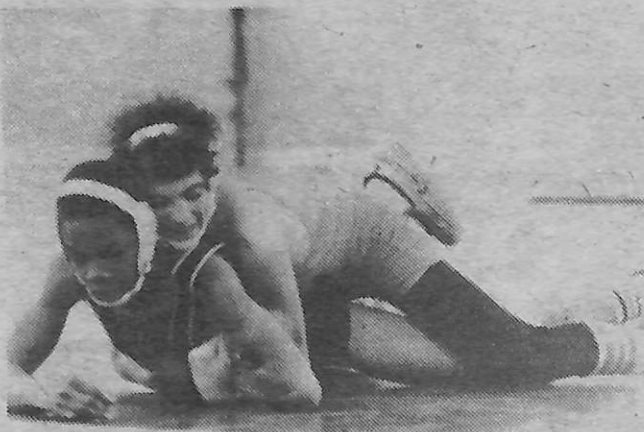
With Agawam trailing 27-26 going into the dramatic, final match, heavyweight Steve Grasseti pinned his opponent with 1:20 left in the second period and pandemonium broke out giving the locals a big upset victory.

"I wasn't looking for a pin. I just wanted to win the match by decision," said a happy Grasseti. "But I'll take the pin."

Jay Frasco (100), Frank Cavallo (107) and Tom Mendes (140) also registered pins for Agawam. Mendes pinned Putnam's Jim Jordan who was ranked sixth in Western Mass. last season.

Also winning for Agawam were Tony Bryant (134) and Dave Duclos (121). Bryant won big, 14-2 while Duclos won a tight 10-7 decision.

"This wasn't supposed to happen this way but I'm glad it did," said an ecstatic Agawam coach Phil Tomkiel in a post meet interview. "The key to the whole meet was switching Tony Bryant from 128 to 134. He wasn't going to beat Whitley anyway (Putnam's Western Mass. champ at 128). We would have lost there and at 134 if we didn't move him. As a result, we only dropped one point instead of twelve."



AGAWAM'S FRANK CAVALLO is on his way to a pin during his match against Putnam on Saturday. Cavallo's heroics helped the locals to a stunning upset over the Beavers. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam jumped out early on Putnam as the 100 and 107 pounders both won by pins for the locals. Putnam countered with a decision at 114, but the Brownies preceded to win weight classes 121, 134, 140 and the heavy-weight matches. Putnam won matches at 128, 147, 157, 169 and 187 (forfeit). At class 128, Putnam gained its only pin.

"I sat down before the meet and tried to figure out a plan of attack," Tomkiel said. "I knew we had to win 3 out of 4 matches in classes 121-140 to beat them. We were not supposed to but we did."

In last Wednesday's action Agawam opened their 1981-82 campaign with an impressive 45-13 victory over Ludlow. Frank Cavallo, Tom Mendes and John Duggan all pinned for Agawam. Keith Mercadante (157) and Dan Giordano also won big.

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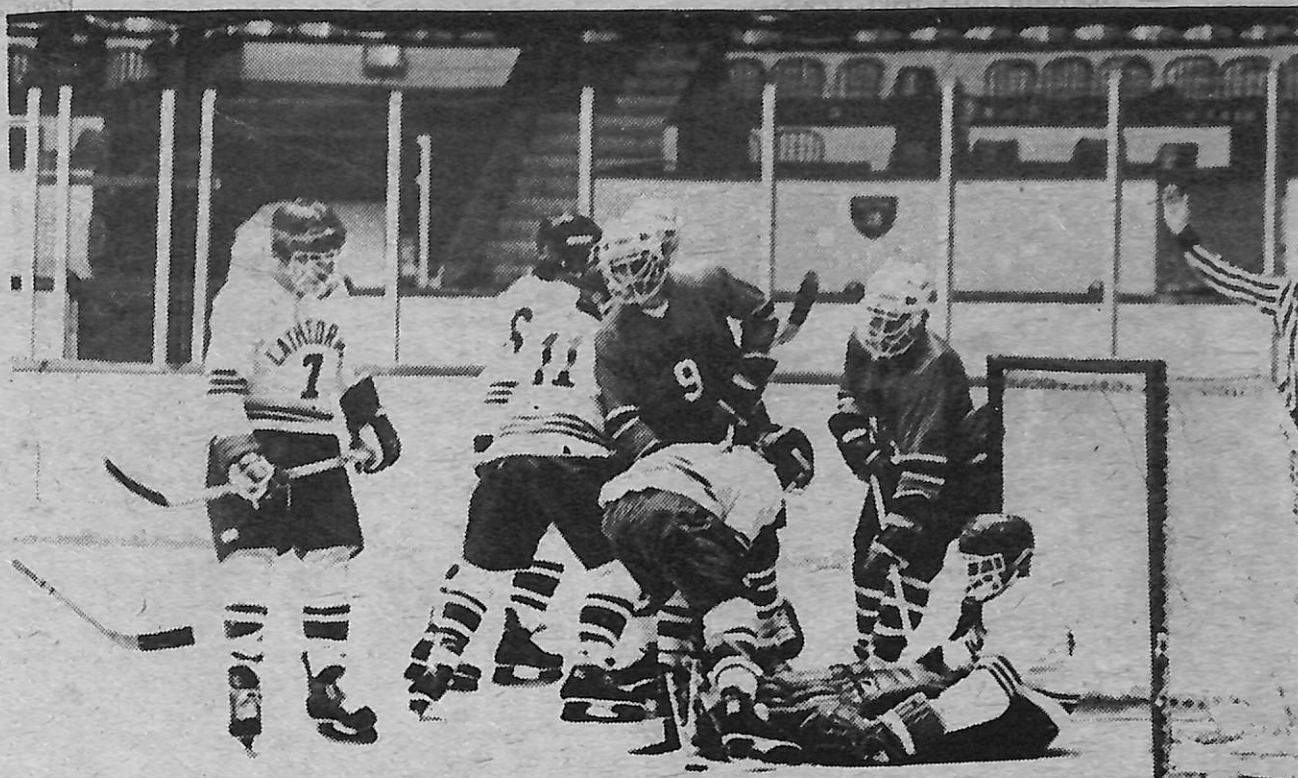
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EARLY IN THE FIRST PERIOD Agawam had several opportunities to put Cathedral in the hole but goalie Chris Healy (on ice) stopped the Brownies until the powerful Panthers got untracked. And that they did. Cathedral won, 9-0. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Panthers Punish Locals, 9-0

By Chris Hout

Cathedral High School is by far the premier hockey team in Western Mass. and the Agawam Brownies will be the first ones to testify to it.

The Panthers put on a clinic Friday night at the Coliseum, blitzing the Brownies rather easily, 9-0 in boys high school hockey action. Cathedral is now 2-0 following the victory while the Brownies dropped to 1-1.

Agawam native and All Western Mass. forward Bob Kudelski led the high powered Cathedral attack with a three goal hat trick. Kudelski broke open a tight 2-0 Cathedral lead with three unanswered tallies in the second period.

Jim Joyce added a pair of third period goals for Cathedral while Tim Logan, Kevin Kervick, Dan D'Amario and Marty Caine added singletons.

"Cathedral is an awesome team. There is no doubt about it," said Agawam coach Bill Sapelli following the one-sided affair. "But there is now way they are nine goals better than we are. We played very poorly tonight. We are capable of giving those guys a good game and I'm sure we will."

Agawam goaltenders Kevin Kamyk (first two periods) and Dave Liptak (third period) were bombed with 46 shots on the evening as the Panthers swarmed Agawam's end for the entire game. Agawam countered with a measly 17 shot performance on Cathedral goaltender Chris Healy.

"Our goalies didn't play that bad," said Sapelli. "They were all alone out there. It was like ten against one. There was nothing either of them could have done."

Kamyk kept Cathedral's offense at bay for the first ten minutes of the opening session and for the most part, Agawam carried some of the play during that time. Kevin Mercadante, Dave Bell and Danny DeCosmo forced Healy to make some very big saves as the locals threatened but came up empty.

The tide turned in other direction. At 10:47 of the period Cathedral forward Matt Dowd raced the length of the ice, circled the Brownie cage, and dished the puck off to linemate Tom Logan, who was camped in front. Logan tapped in the feed and the onslaught began.

The psychological back-breaker came with just 22 seconds showing on the clock. With the Brownies still very much alive (behind 1-0), Anthony Santinello won a face-off back to linemate Kevin Kervick who whistled the puck past the screened Kamyk for a 2-0 bulge at the first intermission.

The second period belonged to Cathedral's Bob Kudelski. By the time Kudelski had finished, the Panthers led 5-0 and were in complete command.

If there was one consolation for the locals it was the fine play of their young line; Kevin Mercadante, Dean Liptak (both sophomores) and freshman Jay Passerini.

"That line really impressed me tonight," said Sapelli. "They didn't give up and hustled and played themselves a good game. I was pleased with their performance."

Sapelli did use the blowout very effectively in using all of his younger players in the second and third periods.

Agawam opened their season last Wednesday with an 8-3 rout over Holyoke. The Brownies used a five goal third period to shake the Purple Knights. Chet Sulborski scored three and added two assists while Dave Bell had a goal and three assists in the victory.

Agawam Revolver Club Installs New Officers

The Agawam Revolver Club at its annual meeting installed new officers for the 1982 year. Those elected were: David Ricardi, president; Barbara Gagnon, secretary; Dwight Brouillard, treasurer; and James Taylor, vice-president.

Elected to the Board of Directors of the Revolver Club were: Clayton Fuller, Ed LaFleur, Dave Ricardi, James Taylor and Donald Loncto.

At the meeting plans were made for upcoming matches and club activities. Membership applications are available at the club house on Southwick Street. Indoor and outdoor range shooting are available to club members.

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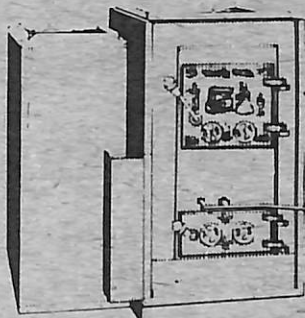
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Hoopsters Upset Blue Devils, 65-63

By Chris Hout

It may be very early in the season but the Agawam Brownies are making an awful lot of noise in the B-Division of the Western Mass. schoolboy basketball league.

The Brownies first defeated Putnam 73-54 on opening night and on Friday, they staggered then held off defending B-Division champion Northampton, 65-63 at packed Northampton High School.

Following the victory, Agawam finds themselves perched atop the B-Division with a perfect 2-0 record and still minus All-League forward Kevin Barnes.

6-4 junior center Clark Dore (a gorilla under the boards) paced the Brownies with a 19-point, 13 rebound performance while senior point guard Timmy Ayre had 17 points and 11 assists and Nadim Yacteen chipped in with 16 points and eight balls off the iron.

"We didn't shoot very well tonight, but we really hustled out there," said Agawam coach Lou Conte. "It was a fine victory to have under our belts."

Agawam, who shot 43 percent from the floor, led 15-10 after the first quarter, 31-23 at the half, 52-44 after three quarters and finally won it hanging on a thread, 65-63.

"I think the winning tradition of the football team in the fall (8-1-1) has carried over to our club," said Conte. "I have seven guys on this team who played football and they know how to win. They proved it then and they are proving it now."

While the offense was a bit rusty, the defense was as tough as nails. Agawam thwarted 'Hamp's high powered offense with 17 steals. Credit guards Timmy Ayre, Nadim Yacteen and Scott Negrucci with the majority of the thefts.

Northampton used a full court press to foil the slick handling Agawam guards, who were nothing short of sensational in the Putnam win. But Ayre and company nullified Northampton's game plan with nifty moves and smooth ball control.

Boo Smith and Scott Josephson were also cited by Conte for fine performances in the victory. Smith, Agawam's sixth man, scored six points and corralled three big rebounds. Josephson crashed the glass for six more.

Conte said the team's shot selection must improve as several questionable flings gave Northampton an opportunity to storm back. But, Conte can't be complaining too much. Friday's victory was unexpected by many and proved the locals must be dealt with this season.



THE 1981 PIONEER VALLEY CHAMPS, B&H Despatch. Team members are, kneeling (left): Tom LaRochelle, Dave Fazio, Erik DeBonis, Chris Kasperek, Steve Simmons, Anthony DiCarlo, Jeff Lutrell, Chris Christian, David Noonan. Standing: Assistant Coach Frank DiCarlo, Travis Hyland, Jason Ferris, Chris Ollari, Scott Vogus, Head Coach Rich DeBonis, George Corgan, Bryan Boutwell, Mike Gravel, Mark Romeo, Assistant Coach Don Gravel.

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Agawam, sparked by goals from right halfback Anthony DiCarlo and left wing Chris Kasperek dominated play throughout the entire contest. Strong play by the "Orange Crush" halfback line - Erik DeBonis, Chris Ollari and Chris Christian enabled a sustained attack on Ludlow's goal and allowed George Corgan, Scott Vogus, Dave Noonan, Jeff

Lutrell, Tom LaRochelle, Jason Ferris and Mark Romeo to help set up the winning goals.

The turning point in the game was an awesome showing by the Agawam fullbacks, Mike Gravel, Dave Fazio, Travis Hyland and Bryan Boutwell, who allowed Ludlow only two shots the entire game.

Because of their strong play, goalie Steve Simmons, the hero of Agawam's semi-final win over Monson, had a relatively easy day. Congratulations B&H Despatch on a great 10-3-1 season and the league championship.

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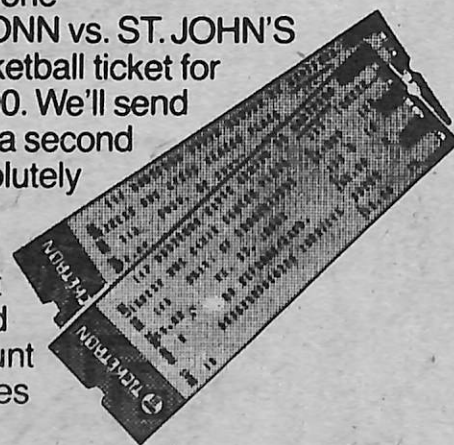
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By Bill Chiba

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Hunters harvested 1,063 more deer this year than last year and a lot of factors enter in the increase. For one, more licenses were sold this year than last - 4500; and the weather was at optimum condition.

About two inches of snow and 35 degree temperature gave hunters a fresh trail in the snow and as a consequence, deer are flushed from their bedding areas and the sitting hunter is handed a bonus. Most of the increase in the total harvest was in Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester counties. Hampden jumped from 298 deer killed to 659; Worcester jumped from 242 to 510 and Hampshire showed an increase from 260 in 1980 to 421.

I had the rare opportunity to hear the howling of a pack of wild animals that I thought were coyotes. Not so. A farmer in the area told me that the "Division"

had a man recording the howlings and upon seeing the animals, said they were a pack of eastern wolves.

On Thursday afternoon of deer week, I was watching. I focused my field glasses on the objects and saw two shaggy animals about the size of my son's medium-sized sheep dogs. That evening I checked some pictures I have of wolves and the two animals that I saw through the field glasses resembled the varmints I saw in

pictures. I am convinced they were wolves.

After Christmas, TONY MARCIL and I are going to try to entice them by using predator calls close enough for a shot of either the camera or the gun. Whatever they are, they keep residents in the area wide awake on moonlight nights and the women will not venture from the domiciles at night for an evening stroll in the cool breezes of the summer.

We have more wild animals now than roamed the woods in the early settler days. Flocks of wild turkey, a herd of deer that needs culling next year, ruff grouse are everywhere, rabbits galore, wild coyotes and wolves and an over abundance of squirrels own the woods. I would say that wild life management in Massachusetts is paying off. The sportsmen certainly can see where their license money is working.

Good news from Boston! The \$400,000 supplemental budget was passed by the Senate and the House and Governor King has signed the measure. The sportsmen have won this round against the anti's who have the clout and money to lobby the legislature and raise havoc with the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife's animal budget.

I have to commend the Law Enforcement Department for setting up a road block on the Lee entrance of the Mass. Turnpike during gun week. They caught 12 hunters with untaged deer in their vans and campers. We need more road blocks in many more areas. I personally observed 8 bucks harvested out of one small deer area last week. They were beauties. A 12 pointer, a 10 pointer, a few eight pointers and a 3 pointer. Not one of those deer were checked into checking stations at the Country Cousins or the Toland General Store. These were eastern Mass. hunters.

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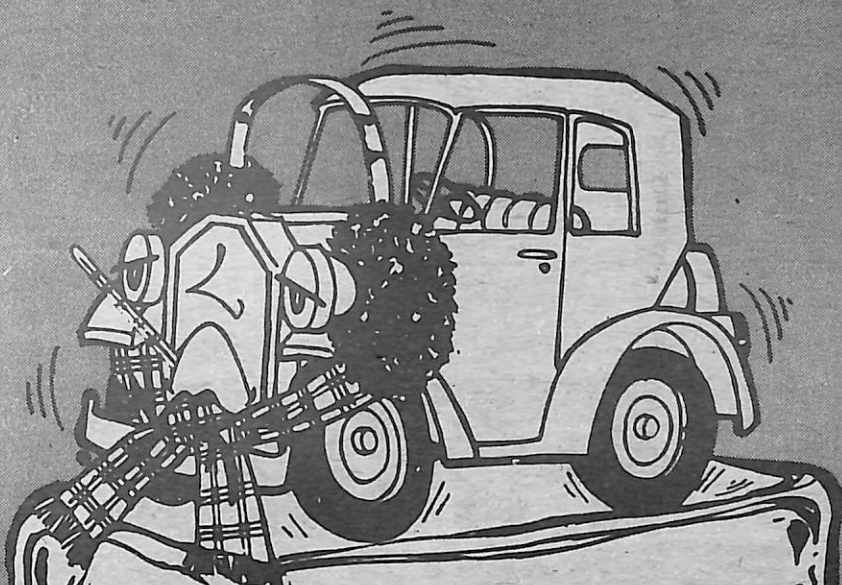
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